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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed November 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 6 as shown.

*H* FIGS. 7A-7I provide cross-sectional views of a simplified, exemplary fabrication sequence for producing an optical processor according to the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 6 as shown.